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Supporting Our Youth Through Summer Programs

In March each year, the month of the Ukrainian poet and literary bard Taras Shevchenko, we begin in our "hromada" to think of summer activities for our children and youth (often also our grandchildren). During the past year, we have had the youth enrolled in various activities and now we want them to continue this learning curve into the summer months.

First of all, our community has numerous Ukrainian Summer Camps for the children usually from 8 to 13/14 years of age. These camps are great places where the children learn their Ukrainian heritage, language and church traditions with competent staff. In fact, the camp becomes a sort of childrens/youth "hromada - parafiaya" (community/parish). We are most grateful that our visionaries bought and built these camps at lakesides in just about all the provinces in Canada. Make sure we enroll the children yet again this year, in 2016, for another successful summer program.

In addition to the summer camps, our Ukrainian Canadian community has established Summer School Programs for youth aged 13 to 18 for the summer months. Over the past 60 years, such Summer Schools have existed at St. Andrew's College in Winnipeg, St. John's Institute in Edmonton and St. Petro Mohyla Institute in Saskatoon. These schools have produced many leaders for our community in Canada as well as for our churches. The curriculum has concentrated on a program of intensive language instruction, cultural work, classes in history, geography and literature, as well as the Ukrainian arts (dancing, music, theatre ,etc.) as well as some excursions.

This summer (2016), only one such school will be operating and that is the St. Petro Mohyla Institute Program in Saskatoon. As a community, we should wholeheartedly support the vision of the summer school put forth by the Board and Staff of the Institute. Their program includes intensive Ukrainian language training at the Grade 10, 11 and 12 level as well as cultural courses in the various disciplines, fine arts, and weekend excursions. It is hoped that 15-20 students from across Canada and the USA will enroll!

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A special feature of the St. Petro Mohyla Institute program this year will be the addition of 12-15 students from Ukraine. These students will be coming from Sambir and Lviv in Western Ukraine and are being sponsored by [Project Liubov-Love](#) (a Canadian humanitarian institution based out of Winnipeg). It is believed that the interaction between Ukrainian Canadian students and Ukraine's students will be most beneficial for both sides. The spirit of "ZUSTRICH" (Encounter) seems like a nice way to have a great summer experience between the two groups of students.

So Parents and Grandparents let us make sure that we support these programs as best as possible by enrolling our little "kozaks" and "kniahyni" into a Summer Camp or a Summer School Program. The costs are reasonable but the results could be spectacular when we see the results of the "learning curve of the students". There could be no nicer gift for a student than a Summer School experience during the 125th anniversary year of Ukrainians in Canada!

Dr. Roman Yereniuk,
Acting Director of the Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies,
University of Manitoba and Coordinator
of Project Liubov-Love

Ukrainian Summer Immersion, Cultural and Leadership Camp

July 17th - August 20th, 2016

Five weeks of fun activities including:

Team-building activities
Outdoor sports and games
Dance and choral singing
Traditional culinary skills
Writing Pysanky

...and more!

Students will receive credit for Ukrainian 10, 20 or 30!

Fees are \$1,500 per student.

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The Begining of Ukrainian Organizational Life in Canada

"The idea to found a 'bursa' student centre in Saskatoon was born from private discussion amongst students. The source of the idea is generally credited to A. T. Kibzey. At the students' meeting, where the founding of the 'bursa' was officially discussed, Vasyl Swystun led the discussion. This was the meeting of the Ukrainian Students' Circle on March 4, 1916, which took place in the home of A. Lypka at 819 – 13th Street.

After a long discussion on this matter all agreed that a 'bursa' was needed and decided to hold, the very next day, a wider meeting with respect to this matter.

The minutes of this students' meeting were recorded as the first meeting of the 'bursa'. The minutes were signed by H. Slipchenko, vice-president, and A.T. Kibzey – Secretary. On Sunday, March 5, a wider general meeting was called and took place in the West Side Theatre.

"That day the decision to form a 'bursa' was confirmed and a collection of funds was conducted for the new institution. The collection yielded \$7.36."

Following Manitoba's lead the School Trustees of Saskatchewan were discussing disallowing all foreign languages in Canadian schools. This fact provided additional incentive to form our own institution where the Ukrainian language could be taught. A bulletin issued to the community, stated:

"В кожій українській школі знайдеться бодай один хлопець або дівчина, що зможуть бути приміщені в такій бурсі і в сей виховуємо собі інтелігенцію у свої рідній школі. Тож дальше до праці! Нехай всюди лунає клич: Збудуймо українську бурсу в Саскатуні!"

In September, 1916 the Institute opened in a 3-story building at 716 Lansdowne Avenue with 35 student residents. Among them were three girls. Twenty-two of the students attended elementary schools, 10 attended the Nutana Collegiate, and 3 attended University. The students' religious denomination affiliations were: 23 Greek-Catholics, 6 Protestants, 4 Orthodox and 2 Roman Catholics.

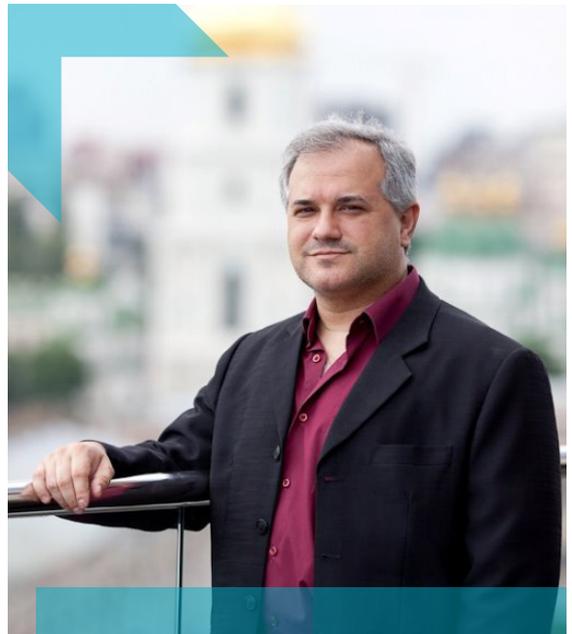
Al Kachkowski

Source: "Twenty-five years of the P. Mohyla Institute in Saskatoon",
Julian Stechishen, Published 1945.



Fudging the Way Forward

Ukraine just got a new government. On the face of it, it seems as though President Petro Poroshenko has consolidated power, since the new PM is a long-time associate of his and the new Cabinet consists mostly of MPs from the president's own party. There are reasonable concerns that Ukraine might now inch its way back towards cronyism, corruption and stagnation, thereby insulting the dignity those who fought and died for the cause he had vowed to champion. Despite such hallowed names from the Maydan protests as Stepan Kubiv, who was a commandant on square, being added to the government, the new personnel do not carry especially burnished reformist credentials. So, does the reform movement stand a chance?



The political crisis that led to this abrupt change was precipitated by a confidence vote the government lost, stemming from a flare-up of that endemic Ukrainian parliamentary disease, internal division. In short, three of the five members of the ruling coalition abdicated their responsibility to keep the fragile state united. Unstable firebrands, especially Oleh Lyashko and Yulia Tymoshenko, began vomiting populist slogans and issuing ultimatums and that all but guaranteed concentration of authority in the hands of those at the very top. Good riddance.

The 'ballooning' opposition might have made the new Cabinet a near-run thing, but none of this should dramatically affect either Ukraine's pro-Western policies or the fate of the reform movement. The process, from top to bottom, has progressed too far for that to happen. Of course, Russian President Vladimir Putin has ensured that Ukraine will not be looking east for a very long time, if ever, but the reform momentum appears to be too strong for any full stop. There is pressure from international donor organizations and the new Western partners. Freedom of the press is now too well entrenched for the government to hide anything. Citizens are not shy about taking matters into their own hands. And then there are the promises...

But this doesn't mean that the oligarchic elite are not trying to make a comeback. This was bound to happen. They are too

deeply rooted in Ukrainian society to be torn out at once. It even can be argued that they provide a stabilizing factor. One of the ironic results of the shifting sands in parliament is that the populists have been replaced by an oligarchic faction as a prop for the authorities. The 'Revival' faction provided the swing vote that brought the Groysman Cabinet to power. 'Revival' is controlled by controversial tycoon Ihor Kolomoysky, financier of volunteer battalions that saved the war in the east. One of his associates was recently appointed to the board of Ukraine's state oil & gas company, Ukrnafta. Love him or hate him, unlike the Quisling Dmytro Firtash or the arch-crook Viktor Yanukovych, Kolomoysky has nailed his colours to the mast.

But it's also a case of "they all hang together, or they will hang separately". The war has dented their collective wealth. The Kremlin has choked off the Russian market for Ukraine. Slumping global commodity prices have squeezed export revenues. They need greater access to Western markets, and that means proper reforms in certain areas or watch business go down the drain. Even the old pro-Yanukovych hacks have had to buy into this.

Worrisome, though, is the fact that the last of the foreign 'technocratic' ministers, Natalie Jaresko, has finally left the scene. The man now at the helm, Volodymyr Groysman, has promised to continue the pro-West, reform path

laid out by his predecessors. They don't have much choice. At worst, certain conditions for donor money might be amended or ameliorated, but not overturned, since the authorities cannot afford to let the country be battered any more than it has been in recent years. Again, the momentum of reforms in the financial field, via Jaresko and central bank chief Valeriy Hontareva, who has not been shy about shutting down pocket banks, have gained too much momentum to be reined in.

And then there is the danger of the fudge. No-one seems to know if or how or can there be a ruling coalition. This comedy of errors reached farcical proportions in February when then-speaker of the house Groysman retorted to Radical Party leader Lyashko's statement "We are out of the coalition!" with "Oh, no you're not!", citing technical procedures that may or may not have been in force. Even the new speaker of the house, ex-Maydan commandant Andriy Parubiy, said on 14 April that while he was certain that the new Cabinet had the support of the ruling coalition, he could not say how many MPs it comprised. One would think he should know.

Backroom deals are as old as politics itself, but modern Ukrainian history is a tale of constant fudging, from the so-called multi-vector foreign policy, which put Ukraine's feet in the West and Russian camps, to the uncertainty of what shade of blue the upper stripe of the national flag should be because,

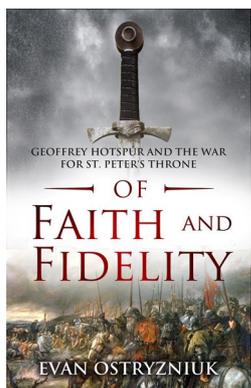
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well, "it's good enough".

However, what people are finally starting not to allow to be fudged is the rule of law. If the press coverage and daily rallies are any indication, after the war, the overwhelming interest of citizens is the establishment of the rule of law. Scandals over the chief prosecutor, ex-ministers, bribery, abuse of office, and so on are featured daily on the national information channels. Economic troubles, unemployment, currency depreciation, all take a backseat to the popular demand for the rule of law be entrenched in Ukrainian society after, well, over a hundred years of arbitrariness.

Evan Ostryzniuk in Kyiv, Ukraine



Relaunch: Of Faith and Fidelity by Evan Ostryzniuk

Evan Ostryzniuk has recently re-published his acclaimed novel "Of Faith and Fidelity". His novel was originally published in 2011, but has since be refined and re-edited in this latest edition. This edition is available now in e-book form!

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Pysanka Mosaic Series: "Steppes of Ukraine" Mohyla Instiute 100th Anniversary Edition



By artist David Wasylshen

The Pysanka is one of the most beloved and interesting expressions of Ukrainian folk art. The traditional Pysanka has become a cultural icon recognized for both the simplicity and complexity of its ornamentation and also for its vibrancy of colour.

It can be traced back from archeological excavations of Trypillian culture that flourished in Ukraine some 6,000 years ago. Pysanka mosaic is the result of a very long and unique form of this treasured art.

The Wasylshen Pysanka mosaic is truly a unique Ukrainian Canadian reconfiguring of the Pysanka tradition. Blending

old symbols with a new technique creates this new art form. David Wasylshen is the creator of this original concept, but reminisces how his father, Ted a former "Bursak", (1950's decade), was the original founder and creator of the Pysanka Mosaic. It took David 5 years to perfect the creation of the Pysanka Mosaic to what it is today, making this new art form a reality. He credits his dad's forward vision for this unique Ukrainian Art. His father Ted stayed at Mohyla Institute where he made many wonderful friends who remained in his and his families lives throughout his career.

David along with his family call Winnipeg home, but his ties to the Wasylshen Saskatchewan connection remain strong. His dad grew up in the Gorlitz/Canora area where his ancestors immigrated to in 1898.

How appropriate as we observe Holy Week and prepare for Blessed Easter celebrations to have the opportunity to be recipients of a Pysanka Mosaic Gift created by David Wasylshen. In commemoration of Mohyla Institute's 100th Anniversary, David has donated an art work from his "Steppes of Ukraine" series in memory of his late father Ted Wasylshen. What a wonderful gift and memento from the Wasylshen family.

More information to follow on this unique and exquisite art work!

Mary Ann Trischuk
Co-Chair Mohyla Institute 100th Anniversary Committee



Greetings from the Board Chair

Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!
Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of Feasts, the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, I am very pleased to bring Easter greetings to His Eminence Metropolitan Yuriy, His Grace Bishop Ilarion, His Grace Bishop Andriy, Clergy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, and to our members, alumni, supporters and friends of St. Petro Mohyla Institute on behalf of the board of directors, staff and residents of the Institute.

З відчуттям глибокої радості і від щирого серця вітаємо вас з Воскресінням Христовим, з Пасхою Христовою, і нехай царюють у ваших серцях радість і душевний спокій! Нехай до Вашої оселі прийде здоров'я, любов, щастя, добробут, душа нехай світлішою стає, серце пламеніє любов'ю, а помисли стануть щирими та добрими.

Everything has a beginning. Just imagine the excitement that was in the air on Sunday, March 5, 1916, during a meeting at West Side Theatre in Saskatoon when a group of students collected \$7.36 in support of their decision to form a 'bursa'. Few people had any money to spare but that did not stop them. Our founders actualized their imagination on that historic day. They took action. They worked together and because of them Mohyla Institute was created. And here we are, 100 years later getting ready to celebrate Mohyla's 100th anniversary in Saskatoon on June 24 -26, 2016.

Mohyla's anniversary is going to be a very special time, a time to recognize its noteworthy and extraordinary achievements. It will be a time to reunite, to reminisce and to make new friends. It will be a wonderful time to share

our stories and to have fun together. What were some of your first memories when you arrived to become a Mohyla resident? What made this place so special for you? Each of us for certain will have stories to share about how Mohyla made a difference in our lives.

Mohyla alumni are everywhere. Some are priests serving our churches, others are leaders in business and professions such as medicine, dentistry, engineering, nursing, education, agriculture and law, while others have become noted researchers and some have served as prominent elected politicians. Mohyla alumni can be found in virtually every sector of our economy as well as serving as volunteers in support of many needs and worthy causes. Imagine the excitement when we meet at the anniversary.

I encourage each of you to submit your anniversary registrations now – your early registration will be of great help to the anniversary committee in finalizing a host of planning details to ensure a fabulous and memorable weekend of celebration.

Elsewhere in this bulletin reference is made to the 2016 Ukrainian Summer Immersion, Cultural and Leadership Program, July 17 to August 20, 2016. I am requesting your collective support for this program.

In conclusion, as we prepare to celebrate Easter and Mohyla's 100th anniversary, let us also keep in mind and our prayers the men, women and children of Ukraine who continue to struggle to assert and maintain their independence as a free democratic nation. They need our moral and financial support. For more details on financial aid programs, please visit the Canadian Ukrainian Foundation website www.cufoundation.ca, or Ukrainian Canadian Social Services website <http://www.ucss.info/>.

With kind regards,
Steve Senyk, Board Chair

Greetings from Very Rev. Archpriest Makowsky

Великодній Побажання!

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС! ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!

Це є найважливіше Християнське Свято, "Свято Свят, торжество торжеств" називає його Церква,

бо Воскресіння Ісуса Христа це кульмінація найвища точка Євангельської історії!

Бажаємо всім радісних Великодніх почувань, Веселих Свят Світлого Христового Воскресіння!

Нехай Господь усім подасть нове життя та нескінченну радість!

Бажаємо вам смачної пасхи, ковбаски і крашиного яєчка.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

During this Paschal Celebrations, the Holiest day of the year may the Resurrection of our Saviour enlighten us all as we triumphantly sing out Christ is Risen from the dead! He has crushed death through His death, and bestowed life upon those who lay in the tomb!

Very Rev. Archpriest Taras and Dobr. Joanne Makowsky and family Oksana- Jason and Yevhen Uhryn, Julian, Tatiana

Celebrating 100 Years and Beyond

Mohyla Institute is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in June of 2016! It is an honour for an institution to reach such a profound achievement, and it is fitting our 100th Anniversary would tie in with the 125th Anniversary of Ukrainian settlement in Canada. To mark this milestone anniversary, the 100th Anniversary Committee has been working tirelessly to produce a weekend filled with exciting events. Although we have received many registrations already, we would love for more to join us for our celebration weekend! Below you will see a listing of all our events, as well as quick link to our registration page. We also encourage you to follow us on Facebook for up to date information regarding all of the 100th Anniversary festivities!



Friday, June 24th

The 3rd Annual St. Petro Mohyla Institute Golf Tournament

This year's Golf Tournament will take place at the Legends Golf Course in Warman at 1:00pm. The Legends is located just ten minutes north of Saskatoon. We will be offering a shuttle service for participants convenience between Mohyla and the Legends. Following a day on the 18 hole course, there will be a steak supper at 6:00pm, where there will be great food, and also great prizes available for our golfers! There are still sponsorship opportunities for this event.

Welcome Registration and Reception

This event will take place at Mohyla Institute at 7:30pm. Reminisce with old classmates, while enjoying some appetizers and sing-songs. There will also be tours of Mohyla offered, so everyone can see what has changed and what has stood the test of time. There will be a cash bar open for the evening. This is also where registrants can pick up their registration packages.

100th Anniversary Registration Form

Notice of Correction

In the 2015 Christmas Newsletter we incorrectly attributed a donation. It should have read as follows:

Shamrock Chapter STS - In memory of John Senkiw.

We apologize for the mistake.

Saturday, June 25th

Registration

Couldn't make it out on Friday evening? No problem! Registration will continue from 9:30am until 11:00am for those of you who need to pick up their registration package.

Walking Tour of the U of S Campus

Be sure to pack your walking shoes for this tour of the University of Saskatchewan campus! At 9:45am we will meet at Mohyla Institute then make our way to the Diefenbaker Centre on campus, where the tour will begin.

Prairie Lily Riverboat Cruise

From 1:30-3:30pm, bursaky, family and friends will join us at the iconic Prairie Lily. The riverboat cruise will showcase the beauty of the South Saskatchewan River, along with a brief history of Saskatoon.

Banquet

The banquet will take place at 5:00pm at the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral Auditorium. There will be a Hospodar and Hospodania Welcome and Cocktails, followed with the banquet catered by Touch of Ukraine at 6:00pm. The program will begin at 7:00pm and a dance will follow at 8:00pm. Be sure to buy your key to unlock Baba' & Dido's trunk!

Sunday, June 26th

Khram

The weekend of celebrations will wrap up with a Khram at All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church at 10:00am. This is a fitting end to the weekend, as All Saints began here at Mohyla Institute! There will lunch to follow, where they will be accepting cash donations.

